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BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
PROVIDERS AND THEIR CLIENTS

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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2005 in which claim 1-20 were pending. The Office Action included a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Specifically, the Applicant is requested to elect between the invention of claims 1-7 "drawn to accessing and augmenting data via a shared memory" (Group I), claims 8-13 "drawn to accessing an electronic business card" (Group II), and claims 14-20 "drawn to accessing financial investment data and portfolio management" (Group III). Applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention of Group I.

With this amendment, claims 8-20 are canceled without prejudice, claims 1, 5, and 6 are amended to provide better correspondence between elements of the claim and to clarify the invention, and new claims 21-33 are added. Added claims 21-33 are directed to the invention of Group I for collaborating on data "via a shared memory" based on user-defined relationships.

Pending claims 1-7 and 21-33 are in condition for allowance. Consideration and notice of allowance are respectfully requested. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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